10 Ways to Get 10K

To average 10,000 steps a day in the 10K-A-Day program, you'll need to increase your activity consistently. That means setting aside time each day for dedicated walking or jogging – outdoors, at an indoor mall, or on the treadmill in a fitness facility, for example. It also means taking each opportunity throughout the day to increase your walking.

Every step you take adds up. Here are 10 ways to put more steps into your day:

- 1. Add more steps to routine chores by walking around the block each time you go to your mailbox or walking around the outside aisles of the grocery store before starting to shop.
- 2. Walk to the coffee machine or restroom farthest from your office.

- **3. Exit the bus** several stops from your destination and walk the rest of the way.
- **4. Take a walk with your children** instead of watching IV with them.
- **5. Pace the floor** while talking on the phone.
- **6. Take the stairs** instead of the elevator.
- **7. Hold a meeting** while you go for a walk.

- **8. Park far away** from your destination and walk.
- Walk into the bank or restaurant instead of using the drive-in window.
- 10. Take a walk while waiting for your doctor's appointment or for a restaurant table.



"The distance is nothing; it is only the first step that is difficult."

- Madame du Deffand, in a letter to Jean Le Rond d'Alembert, July 7, 1763